(c) and (d) Against the target of 133.5 million tonnes in 1985-86 and 143.5 million tonnes in 1986-87, the actual production of the companies under Coal India Limited was 134.11 and 144.77 million tonnes respectively which was higher than the target prescribed for the respective years.

Energy Conservation in the Country

959. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Advisory Board on Energy (ABE) has recommended the enactment of a law and for creation of a separate organisation for energy conservation in the country;

(b) if so, what are the full details of the recommendations made by Advisory Board on Energy;

(c) whether these recommendations have been accepted by Government; and

(d) if so, to what extent the recommendations of the ABE will play a catalytic role in energy conservation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The Advisory Board has suggested that a suitable energy conservation law should be adopted after it has been debated upon a national scale. A study has been commissioned by the Board to prepare a draft legislation on the subject. The Board has also emphasised the need for a separate organisation to promote energy conservation in the country.

(c) The question of having an energy conservation law is still in its nascency. The suggestion of having a separate organisation for energy conservation is under examination.

(d) Since both the recommendations are yet to be examined, it is not possible to comment on the effect of the same at this stage.

Recoveries under the Drug Prices Equalisation Account

960. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 616 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether any amount has since been collected under Drug Prices Equalisation Account from any of the parties whose amount have been worked out; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the slow recovery and what are the reasons for not opening separate recovery cell under his Ministry;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has not taken any concrete steps towards recovery of unintended benefits made by Drug Industry; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No further amounts has so far been deposited into the Drug Prices Equalisation Account by the companies concerned.

(b) to (d) Efforts are being made to recover the amount expeditiously.

Committee on inputs for bulk drugs

961. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a committee to identify the inputs used for the production of bulk drugs from the basic stages for the purpose of reduction in customs duty; if so, what are the details of the recommendations of the Committee; and

(b) if not, what steps have been taken by Government to identify the list of inputs for bulk drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Finance have issued necessary notification exempting 36 intermediates from countervailing duty w.e.f. 1-3-1987.

Customs duty on bulk drugs

962. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that customs duty on inputs for bulk drugs which is used in the production of bulk drugs is higher than the import duty on finished drugs; and

(b) if so, how far it is responsible for decrease in production of bulk drugs and increase in the import thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDU... (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Normal rate of custom duty on drugs is 100 per cent *ad valorem*. A number of intermediates which are exclusively used ...duction of bulk drugs have already been exempted from the countervailing duty, reducing the effective rate of duty to 110 per cent, in such cases.

(b) There is no decrease in the production of bulk drugs.

Violation of the Drug Price Control Order, 1979

963. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 2556 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of drug companies violated the provisions of the Drug Price Control Order, 1979 during the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of instances came to the notice of the Government alongwith the names of the companies and details of violations;

(c) whether his Ministry has not taken action against any company under Essential Commodities Act for violation of provisions of Drugs Order; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) As and when instances of violations of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 by the drug manufa... ...ave come to the notice of ... ...ent necessary action has ... in the case of M/s. ...rner Hindustan a notice was issued ... the company when instance of wrong categorisation of Isokin 300 mg. Tablet, Isokin Liquid Pyridium Tablets came to the notice of the Government. After the judgement of the Delhi High Court in respect of former two products and issuance of the notice to the company by this Department in respect of Pyridium Tablets, they have reclassified the products as Category-III formulations. Government has also initiated action for recovery of Rs. 106.36 lakhs towards the amount over charged from consumers.